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Lights out.

Well-behaved Metrodome fans bid farewell to an era. Hometown heroes of all stripes helped build memories.



Jason Stoeckl and his wife, Maria Zaruma, lifelong Vikings fans from Columbia Heights, linger in their seats at the close of Sunday's game.

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Joe Lonke was saying goodbye to the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome on Sunday afternoon long before he actually left it. Ever since his mother drove him downtown to see his first big-league baseball game, the 39-year-old sports buff from Maple Grove has been hooked on the sights and sounds of a place where hometown heroes won over herts and delivered dozens of thrills over three memorable decades.

"People called it a dump. But it was our dump, and we loved it."

Joe Lonke, longtime fan

run in Game 6 of the 1991 World Series. Brett Favre's magical autumn of 2009. The Twins World Series titles in '87 and '91. The Vikings' heartbreaking NFC title game loss to Atlanta in 1997. Game 163 against Detroit. "I'm not even watching the game at all," Lonke said as he walked the concourse minutes before the final gun sounded in a 14-13 Vikings victory that closed out the Metrodome era. "I'm just wondering around looking at everything and thinking about the history. It's so much about me saying goodbye to this place for her as it is for me."

Lonke was one of 64,000 fans who braved a Metrodome continues on A6

2 MORE PRIESTS PUT ON LEAVE

The archdiocese cited instances of inappropriate conduct involving minors.

By JIM ADAMS jim@startribune.com

Two more Catholic priests have been placed on leave from active ministry after outside investigators found that they had been involved in inappropriate conduct with minors. The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis announced Sunday that the Rev. Mark Wehmann and the Rev. Joseph Gallista agreed to the leaves after their files were reviewed by Kinale Management Consulting, a Los Angeles firm hired by the archdiocese to review files of active clergy members after widespread allegations that the church hierarchy had not acted to address the problem.

The two will remain pastors but won't perform public ministry until the reviews are completed. Both are accused of "boundary violations," which archdiocese spokesman Jim Accorso described as "inappropriate behavior that is not a crime and not sexual abuse."

Wehmann, 44, has been serving as a pastor at St. Boniface Church in northeast Minneapolis since July and, before that,

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Wehmann Gallista

Sign-ups for health care are surging

Total enrollment is still short of the president's goal.

By JOSE LEBEDZGAN and BEARDO ALERNO ZALDIVAR Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — A December surge propelled health care sign-ups through the government's rehabilitated website past the 1 million mark, the Obama administration said Sunday, reflecting new vigor for the problem-plagued federal insurance market.

Combined with numbers for state-run markets due in January, that should put total enrollment in the new private insurance plans under President Obama's health law at about 2 million people through the end of the year, independent experts said.

That would be about two-thirds of the administration's original goal of signing up 3.3 million by Dec. 31, a significant improvement given the technical problems that crippled the federal market during much of the fall. The overall goal remains to enroll 7 million people by March 31.

"It looks like current enrollment is around 2 million despite all the issues," said Dan Mendelson, CEO of Avicore Health, a

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Bombing continues on A6

Latest attacks in Russia fuels fears over Olympics

With games just 6 weeks away, explosions kill 27.

By VLADIMIR SHCHERBOV Associated Press

MOSCOW — At least 10 people were killed in a bus explosion early Monday in Volgograd, the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry said. The blast came a day after a suicide bombing that killed at least 17 at a railway station in the city.

The pair of explosions put the city on edge and heightened the terrorist threat that Russia is facing as it prepares to host the Winter Games in February. Volgograd is about 400 miles northeast of Sochi.



Bombing continues on A6

'Ban-the-box' extension, other laws to take effect

From health care for the poor to scrap-yard surveillance, new state laws set to take effect in 2014 didn't grab headlines like the 2013 legalization of same-sex marriage did, but they could still affect swaths of Minnesotans.

Key among the laws passed by the legislature in 2013 is the one to extend the "ban-the-box" law to private employers. It's an extension of a case law passed in 2009 that mandates that public employers wait until an interview to ask whether a job applicant has a criminal record or criminal history. Now the rule extends to

all, making Minnesota the third state to do so, behind Hawaii and Massachusetts. The law had a ripple effect when Target Corp. extended its ban-the-box policy nationwide.

The law gets its name from the questions on job applications that ask applicants to check a box to indicate whether they have ever been convicted of a felony or a gross misdemeanor.

For jobs that don't include an interview, employers cannot ask about criminal issues until there is a conditional offer of employment.

The law benefits more than the people simply trying to put the past behind them, said

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